

City of Torrance – Madrona Nature Preserve and Nature Center

Title: Marsh Docent
Location: Madrona Marsh
3201 Plaza Del Amo, Torrance, CA 90503

Position Overview and Impact:

You will be a key member of an active program designed to teach students about the many aspects of the Madrona Marsh Preserve, including habitat, plants, wildlife and history. Docents lead tours of the preserve to students of all ages from pre-school to college.

Key Responsibilities:

- Procuring and set-up of materials for tours.
- Leading tours of the preserve.
- Developing and implementing programs and lab exercises for outreach programs.

Requirements:

- Experience or training in K-12 education, nature education or natural sciences.
- Must be 18 years of age or older.
- Must pass fingerprint background check.

Training & Support:

New docents will be provided with a 2-hour general orientation to the Preserve and Nature center. New docents will shadow more experienced docents for three outreach training classes and will also shadow a preserve/outreach teacher for 1-2 months.

Time Commitment:

4 – 10 hours a week. Some work can be done at home. Long-term commitment is desired.

Benefits of volunteering:

Docents will gain experience that may help them further their careers in education and it is very useful experience for educating students. All docents will learn more about nature in the South Bay and can be proud of their efforts in educating students and the public about nature.

Contact Person(s):

- Tracy Drake, Nature Center Manager/Naturalist (310) 782-0639

Selection Process:

Apply online at

<https://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?AP=671916624>, select Marsh Docent as your assignment preference. Please provide specific information regarding your skills and experience in the application form.